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Progress Report for Agent Training for W/T Standbys, 5 - 18
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1. It was proposed by the operations desk that five W/T standbys be given extensive training during the winter months. The purpose of this training is to increase the productivity of agent teams by insuring that at least one member besides the leader has a comprehensive grasp of tradecraft. A secondary purpose would be to have a well trained reserve of intelligent men potentially capable of team leadership.

2. The five men, RNDOLLAR, AIPUMP, AIRLOCK, AIRWAY, and AIRBLOWN, are well motivated, and of comparatively high intelligence. Scheduled training includes intelligence reporting, escape and evasion, contacts, reception and drops, map and compass, and first aid and hygiene.

3. The training commenced 5 January 1954 at a safehouse in Ekali. [] is instructing, using AIRBLOWN as interpreter.

4. Thus far, the training has progressed well. The classes started with a three day orientation on clandestine activities and tradecraft. At the present time, the men are undergoing personal meetings. The students were instructed in making contacts, signals, etc. They have picked their meeting site, "cased" the area, submitted sketches and meeting plans.

5. It is [] plan to give ten hours instruction weekly in the classroom. Supplementing this will be overnight field trips and other problems outside the classroom.

6. Headquarters will receive monthly reports as the training progresses.

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